A Crow's Tale - Dreams and Fantasies



The Crow In Mythology

In mythology, crows play a variety of roles, from magicians and shamans to wise guides and mischievous tricksters. They have been depicted as guardians of knowledge or as messengers between the realms of the living and dead. Crows are also associated with the sun and moon in many cultures, symbolizing the cycle of life, death, and rebirth.

Some cultures worship crows as deities or spiritual beings. In Hindu culture, the crow is considered a sacred bird. In Japanese folklore, the Tengu is a mythical creature with crow like features and is often depicted as a guardian of the mountains. These representations of crows in mythology show their significance as divine beings in certain cultures.

In many cultures, crows are believed to have a level of intelligence that sets them apart from other birds. Ravens may also be considered as symbols of solitude or the deliberate self-isolation of the individual who is determined to live at a higher level.

In North America, the Supreme Being of the sky generally becomes joined with the mythological personification of the thunder and the wind, represented as a large bird such as a crow; he beats his wings and the wind rises, his tongue is the lightning.

Preface

This series of photographs came about because I wondered: If a crow were to dream and fantasize like people do, what might happen? So, I began by jotting down what the symbolic meanings of a crow are and what crows are known for.

Crows can symbolize death, wisdom, intelligence, transformation, future and destiny, solitude, hard luck, evil, the positive, the heroic, creativity, they are extremely imaginative and intelligent, known for their problem solving abilities, and tend to like classical, rock, pop and folk music. In mythology, they may be messengers or guides between the mortal and spirit world. They may recognize their

reflection in a mirror, they can be tricksters, and have an aura of mystery about them.

Next, I tried to exaggerate some of these qualities in photographs that might symbolize some of these qualities with the help of an Artificial Intelligence Generator.

Before presenting the photographs, I would like to offer a couple of poems that may be suggested after looking at the first two photographs.

Perched upon the bough,
A crow midst icicles calls,
Snow whispers softly.

Beneath the tempest's watchful eye,
A Crow flies through the weeping sky.
Lightning shatters the veil of night,
Illuminating the key held tight.
The key to memories locked away,
In the heart where old dreams lay.
Each flash a glimpse of times gone by,
A dance of light in the crow's sly eye,.
Nostalgic winds through branches sway.
As the storm's fury ebbs away,
The crow's flight a silent plea,
To unlock the past's mystery.

Finally, I would like to dedicate the photographs to the memory of two wonderful teachers and human beings who changed many lives: Minor White and Ralph Hattersley. These amazing teachers not only taught us photography and perception-but how to follow a path of inner growth-which is more important.


























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